SI. No	States/UTs	Funds released	Funds Utilised
26.	Uttaranchal	27.07	—
27.	A&N Islands	17.91	0.97
28.	Daman & Diu	64.80	64.80
29.	Lakshadweep	1.75	1.75

Note: The figures of funds utilised include amounts released in earlier years that were utilised in 2000-2001 and for which utilisation certificates have been received.

— Utilisation certificates have not been received.

Employment opportunities for Agricultural Degree Holders

613. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Diploma/Graduate and Post-Graduate degree holders from Agriculture Universities/Institutions are facing the problem of unemployment due to scarce employment opportunities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have chalked out any work plan to provide sufficient employment opportunities to them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to implement the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) As per the projections available from the State Government Universities, about 5000-6000 Graduates in Agriculture and allied fields are unemployed in the country. Further, it takes 6 months to 3 years for Graduate/Post-Graduate in Agriculture to get gainful employment in Public/Private Sector.

(c) and (d) The Agriculture Policy has been formulated by Government of India which addresses to the issue of enhancement of employment potentials. Further, the Government of India has drafted

a Central Scheme for establishment of network of Agriculture/Agri-business to allow the Graduates to establish Agri-clinics/Agri-business centres in rural conditions for which a loan will be provided through banks. Initially it is proposed to extend this scheme to 5000 Graduates annually.

Further, with the support through Development Grant to State Agricultural Universities, counselling and placement cell have been established through which campus interviews and linkages with the line department and industries are being strengthened. This has already shown positive impact in improving employment potential especially in private sector.

Fishing harbours in Orissa

614. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fishing harbours set up in Orissa;

(b) the places where these have been set up;

(c) whether Government have a plan to clear the proposal to upgrade the existing fishing harbour at Paradip; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Four fistiing harbours have been set up in Orissa with the Central finance assistance in the following locations:

1. Paradip
2. Gopalp.ur
3. Dhamra
4. Naugarh (Astrang)

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.